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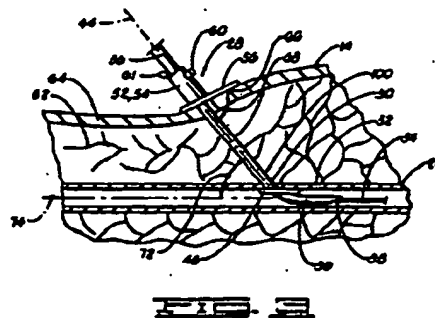
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㉒ Suture device.

㉓ An apparatus is provided for suturing a perforation in a side wall of a patient's blood vessel. The apparatus includes an outer sheath (36) having a longitudinal passage defined therethrough. The outer sheath (36) is adapted to be inserted through the perforation (30) in the patient's blood vessel (24). The apparatus includes at least a first suture point and at least a first suture thread attached to said first suture point. A carrier device is provided for carrying the first suture point in a distal direction through the longitudinal passage of the outer sheath (36) into the patient's blood vessel (24) and for pulling the first suture point in a proximal direction through the side wall (32) of the patient's blood vessel (24). At least two such suture points and suture threads are preferably so attached to the patient's blood vessel (24) and are then utilized to close the perforation (30).



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